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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND MAORI COMMUNITY LEADER'S INTEREST

- IN DISCUSSING INDIAN LAND RIGHTS IN U.S.
- 1. EMBOFF HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT A NEW ZEALAND MAORI COMMUNITY LEADER PLANS TO MAKE EARLY FALL PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S. ENROUTE TO THE UK. MAORI LEADER, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE RETURN OF MAORI LAND ISSUE, WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AMERICAN INDIAN LAND RIGHTS WHILE IN U.S. HE IS NOT A RADICAL LEADER AND SEEKS EQUITABLE LAND SETTLEMENTS BASED ON NEW ZEALAND LAW RATHER THAN FORCEFUL OCCUPATION OF CLAIMED LAND, A METHOD FAVORED BY SOME ELEMENTS OF MAORI COMMUNITY.
- 2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON APPROPRIATE INDIAN LAND RIGHTS CONTACTS: (A) WITHIN BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; AND (B) IN PRIVATE INDIAN COMMUNITY. WITH THAT ASSISTANCE, MAORI LEADER WILL MAKE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS, PERHAPS THROUGH N.Z. EMBASSY. SELDEN

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